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The Honourable Gord Mackintosh
Minister of Justice
Attorney General
Room 104 - Legislative Building
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Section 28 of the *Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba Act*, I am pleased to submit the Thirty-third Annual Report for the year ending March 31, 2005.

Detailed statistical information relating to clients, cases and costs is included. The report of the Auditor General and financial statements are attached. Also included is the Audited Statement of Compensation Paid to Board Members and Employees and the Statement of Private Bar Fees and Disbursements in excess of $50,000 in accordance with Section 2 and 4 of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Armstrong
A/Chairperson
Board of Directors

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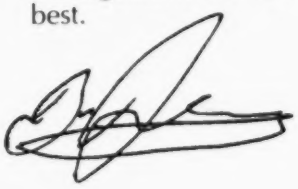
THE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The 2004/05 fiscal year was a success for Legal Aid resulting in a modest operating surplus. Big Case Management was introduced into the criminal law area and proved to be a better system than existed in the past.

The Legal Aid Board approved an operational review and Prairie Research Associates Inc. was retained to carry out the review. The review arose from the Department of Justice Perozzo Report which recommended such a review.

It has again been a pleasure to work with all staff at Legal Aid Manitoba.

Legal Aid is moving to a new board now being called Legal Aid Management Council. I wish the new Chair and the new Council all the best.



Bill Armstrong
A/Chairperson

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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This past fiscal year has presented Legal Aid Manitoba with numerous changes and challenges. Most notably, Legal Aid Manitoba witnessed an overall increase in demand for services in a variety of our coverage areas. However, because fewer private bar lawyers are undertaking certificate work for Legal Aid Manitoba, a larger amount of the certificate and non-certificate work is being undertaken by our already overworked staff. Legal Aid Manitoba is quite fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced staff willing to ensure accessible legal coverage for Manitobans with low incomes even under such difficult and stressful conditions. Legal Aid Manitoba has also continued to be involved in a number of innovative projects that were implemented in the past fiscal year. Many of these projects have proven extremely beneficial to Legal Aid Manitoba, allowing us to expand our services in areas where there is a clear need for high quality, reliable and affordable legal coverage.

Many challenges and changes could not have been achieved without the dedication, support, and guidance of our Board of Directors, funders, key stakeholders, as well as our staff. Their commitment to our vision has provided Legal Aid Manitoba with the ability to confidently address emerging challenges while striving to ensure that all Manitobans can access affordable legal assistance for their criminal and family matters.

The following points highlight some significant developments and major events that have occurred during the course of the 2004/05 fiscal year:

1. The Board continued to operate with an interim chair (Bill Armstrong) elected from among the remaining Board members.

2. The Board of Directors are as follows: Bill Armstrong, Marlene Campbell, Rob Dewar, Wendy Whitecloud, George Pelletier, Lori Ferguson Ŝain, Marietta Pellettieri, Diane Dzydz, Dennis Troniak and Ivan Moose. We would like to thank these Board members for their excellent direction and governance, helping Legal Aid Manitoba strive for cost-efficiency and effectiveness.

3. Several fundamental changes were made to the *Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba Act*. When proclaimed, Bill 47 will introduce substantial changes in the way that Legal Aid Manitoba undertakes the delivery of legal services to Manitobans, most notably:
   - Clients will no longer have the right to choose which lawyer they would like to represent them in their legal matter. Legal Aid Manitoba will select a lawyer for those granted legal aid.
   - Criminal organizations as defined in the Criminal Code will no longer be eligible for legal aid under section 4 of the Act *(legal aid to groups)*.
   - A lawyer employed by LAM will not be in a conflict of interest simply because that lawyer is representing a client in a case involving an individual who has been represented by another LAM lawyer.
   - An applicant for legal aid will be required to complete a written authorization allowing third parties to disclose financial

information about the applicant.

- LAM will be required to investigate the financial resources of applicants for legal aid charged with specified offences.
- A lawyer providing legal aid to a client will be required to advise LAM if the lawyer discovers that the client is not eligible to receive legal aid.
- An offence will be created for making a false or misleading statement to obtain legal aid or failing to disclose changes in financial circumstances that affects a person's entitlement to legal aid.
- A *'management council'* will be established (effectively replacing the Board) to direct LAM's business and affairs in an efficient and cost-effective manner.
- An advisory committee will be created to provide advice to the council on matters of general and regional concern respecting the provision of legal aid (ex: tariff changes, council appointments, etc.).
- The appeals process for decisions dealing with legal aid will also change. Appeals will be heard by either the executive director or the appeal committee.

4. Based on a Perozzo Report recommendation, Legal Aid Manitoba sought proposals from private corporations to conduct an operational review of our organization. Prairie Research Associates was awarded a contract to: a) produce a financial evaluation of our service delivery model to determine whether we administer our resources effectively; b) review our mixed model of service delivery with another legal aid plan to determine whether our approach is the most effective for delivering services; and c) review our specialized services and compare them to legal aid programs in other provinces that provide similar services. It is anticipated that the operational review will provide LAM with the necessary information to determine how to best maintain core legal services and maximize efficiency given our current level of funding. The operational review will be completed by January 2006.

5. On the technology front, Legal Aid Manitoba continues to move forward with the implementation of a new Linux-based operating system which relies heavily on open source applications and utilities. The new application system (LAMAS) will incorporate the existing certificate system, community law office time keeping system and allow Administration staff to access selected data downloaded from the Legal Aid accounting system. Upon completion, Legal Aid Manitoba will become virtually license free, resulting in significant cost savings. Legal Aid Manitoba is anticipating going live with the new application system in January 2006.

6. Through the Department of Justice Canada's Investment Fund, supported by the Provincial government, Legal Aid Manitoba has initiated several projects to address unmet needs in our service delivery.

7. Legal Aid Manitoba began screening cases into the big case

management (BCM) project in November 2004. All cases that are found to exceed our tariff limits for complex criminal cases will be diverted into this program.

8. The Collaborative Law Project implemented April 2004 is still ongoing. Legal Aid Manitoba is currently in the process of evaluating the project. A detailed report of the evaluators' findings will be presented to LAM by July 2006.

9. The Child Protection Full Service Duty Counsel project which started in 2001/02 is still ongoing. The project's observation/data gathering phase was extended until March 2006. A detailed evaluation of the project will be available following the completion of the observation phase.

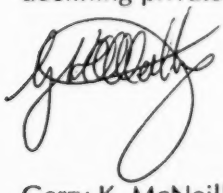
10. As Executive Director, I was involved in the design phase of the Women's Advocacy and Social Clinic in Winnipeg. The clinic officially opened its doors to the public in September 2004 where, on a regular basis, Legal Aid Manitoba is one of the partners providing legal and paralegal services to their clientèle.

Several priorities have already been set for the upcoming fiscal year. Of significant priority to Legal Aid Manitoba will be LAMAS' implementation. Given that LAMAS represents a fundamental shift in how we currently undertake daily administrative and legal tasks, a significant portion of our energies will be directed towards staff training, updating policy, area director and articling student manuals as well as hosting a staff seminar. Through proper planning and training, Legal Aid Manitoba wants to ensure that our staff is properly trained in order to avoid, to the extent possible, any delays or gaps in service to our clientèle related to the implementation of the new system.

Other priorities which have been established include the development of a five year business plan, participating in the plan's operational review, implementing the proclaimed changes outlined in Bill 47, and proceed to find ways to provide ways services more efficiently and economically.

Summary:

We continue to provide legal services to 71,836 clients with a mix of staff and private bar lawyers. Our service delivery remains exceptionally high despite fiscal exigencies, thriving demands for services, evolving case complexity and private bar attrition. We continue to encourage staff throughout the organization to remain positive and strive for innovation as we continue to operate under increased service demands and declining private bar participation.



Gerry K. McNeilly
Executive Director

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTRE

The mandate of the Public Interest Law Centre (the "Centre") is to represent groups and individuals on public interest matters of law. In order to maximize the service provided, the Centre carries a mixed portfolio of cases, with an emphasis on equality rights, the environment, aboriginal issues as well as social welfare and consumer matters.

Environmental, equality and consumer issues were at the forefront of the Centre's activities in 2004/05. In September of 2004/05, the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) issued a report recommending the approval of the $1 billion Wuwskwatim Hydro Electric Generating Station. Many of the key economic and environmental recommendations set out in the report reflected the advice provided to the Commission by the clients of the Centre. The Commission's Report is expected to provide an analytical template for what is likely to be a decade of major hydro electric expansion in Manitoba's North.

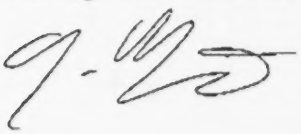
On the equality front, the Centre initiated a challenge to the definition of family used in determining eligibility for compassionate care benefits under the *Employment Insurance Act*. This challenge which is being funded with the assistance of the Court Challenges Program raises important questions about the interpretation of s. 15 of the *Charter*. The Centre also agreed to represent the Elizabeth Fry Society in a human rights complaint alleging that women prisoners are discriminated against on the basis of sex, in that they are relegated to inferior facilities, programs and services as compared to male prisoners.

Since 1999, the Centre has been representing internationally trained medical doctors in a human rights complaint suggesting that they are denied equal access to the medical profession in Manitoba. Through a mediation process, the complaint has already led to material changes in access to the medical profession in Manitoba but the cards remained stacked against internationally trained doctors. In November 2004, the Manitoba Human Rights Commission accepted the substance of our client's concern and ordered an adjudication into the merits of their complaint. We hope the complaint will be heard in the coming year.

On the consumer front, our clients experienced mixed results. Auto insurance customers enjoyed a $7 million dollar reduction in their rates. Hydro electric customers experienced a significant rate increase largely fueled by a $400 million loss suffered by Manitoba Hydro in 2003/04. Our challenge to this rate increase was rejected by the Manitoba Court of Appeal. Looking to the long term, the future is somewhat brighter as the Public Utilities Board has accepted arguments from our clients that are likely to lead to more equitable sharing of the revenues and expenses of Manitoba Hydro.

The Centre has continued to generate a substantial amount of revenue and donated services, allowing for the continued provision of broad public interest legal representation. It appreciates the Manitoba

Law Foundation's continued provision of core funding in the range of $150,000.00. It also values its partnership with the Manitoba Bar Association through the *Pro Bono* Project. Under the project, a number of lawyers have agreed to take on test cases without fee, donated their legal aid billings or made cash contributions. In 2004-05, the Centre also began to work more closely with students from the University of Manitoba who contributed their research skills to a variety of projects. At the Bar Mid-Winter, Chief Justice Dick Scott presented the annual *Pro Bono* recognition award to Karen Busby, Grant Mitchell and Pat Lane in recognition for their work in achieving the recognition of same sex marriage within the Province of Manitoba.



Byron Williams
Director

FAMILY LAW OFFICE

The Family Law Office, which includes the Poverty Law Office and the Child Protection Unit, is situated on the third floor of the Somerset Building in Winnipeg. Located with us are the Drop-In Centre and reception for the Administration Office.

The Child Protection Unit, Drop-In Centre and Administration Office reception used to be on the fourth floor. They moved down to join us in September 2004.

The Family Law Office has 8 staff lawyers who practice family law, assisted by 2 paralegals. Of the 8 lawyers, 6 practice according to the traditional litigation model. Two are dedicated to the Collaborative Law Pilot Project, which commenced on April 1, 2004 and will continue until March 2006. Evaluation of the project is underway. One of the family law paralegals is also the office manager for the entire Family Law Office.

The Poverty Law Office has 2 lawyers, one of whom is the Supervising Attorney for the whole Family Law Office. These lawyers practice administrative and civil law, assisting individuals who have problems dealing with income support programs and housing issues.

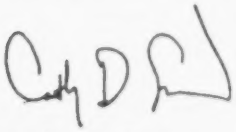
The Child Protection Unit (CPU) has 3 lawyers and 2 paralegals. They carry out their practice under the Full Service Duty Counsel Project which commenced in February 2002 and will continue until March 31, 2006. A final evaluation report about the project is due in June 2006. Since the fall of 2004, we have had a contract with a social worker who works three days per week for the Project using the CPU as a base for her work. Her responsibilities include case reviews, home studies and follow-up work with clients assessed as requiring social work services.

The Family Law Office as a whole has 2 articling students and 1 summer student, who work with all 13 lawyers in all their areas of practice. There are 11 support staff, comprised of a receptionist for the Administration Office and Drop-In Centre, a receptionist for the Family Law Office, and 9 secretaries who assist the 13 lawyers and 2 articling students.

We appear before courts and tribunals mostly in Winnipeg, but we do occasionally venture out to nearby small towns as well.

We act as duty counsel at Osborne House and other shelters. "A Woman's Place", which provides domestic violence support and legal services, opened in November 2004 and we provide duty counsel services there as well. We serve as duty counsel at mental health facilities and represent clients at hearings before the Mental Health Review Board. In addition, we practice some criminal law and participate in the 24-hour on-call service. We also offer public legal education through presentations to community groups about family, poverty and child protection law.

In these times when civil legal aid across Canada is facing significant challenges in terms of funding and coverage, we are proud to provide such a broad range of service and high quality representation.



Cathy D. Sherman
Supervising Attorney

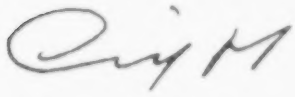
DROP IN CENTRE

All drop-ins in the City of Winnipeg are seen at the Drop-In Centre located on the 3rd floor, 294 Portage Avenue. The Drop-In Centre is open from 1:30 p.m to 6:00 p.m on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week.

The workload is evenly shared among the legal aid staff of all the Winnipeg offices. The staff providing the service at our Drop-In Centre consists of lawyers, paralegals, articling students and intake officers. Each day that the Drop-In Centre is open, four staff members are drawn on rotation from these other offices to provide service. Present each of the three afternoons are one lawyer, one paralegal, one articling student and one intake officer. This staff configuration ensures that there is at least one staff person available to cover every possible need or request as clients attend the Drop-In Centre for a variety of reasons (e.g., for advice, for information, to complete legal aid applications, etc.)

Although demand is high and the pace each afternoon is busy, the

centralization of Winnipeg drop-ins in one location has improved the quality, efficiency and convenience of this service. Any person who wants informal advice from Legal Aid Manitoba in Winnipeg can get it on the day that they come in looking for it.



Gil Clifford
Director of Operations

ABORIGINAL CENTRE LAW OFFICE

The Aboriginal Centre Law Office provides representation under the Legal Aid plan for individuals who have legal issues that are of particular interest and concern to Aboriginal people and to the Aboriginal community generally. Some of the cases handled by the Centre involve issues of civil rights, human rights, band governance, treaty status, child protection services and the provision of other social services such as social allowances, health care and policing. The Centre's lawyers provide representation at all levels of both the Provincial and Federal Court systems as well as before Administrative Tribunals.

The Centre offers non-adversarial, consensus building and restorative approaches to the resolution of legal issues in a manner consistent with the values and traditions of Aboriginal people. We maintain broad working relationships and liaisons with Aboriginal community organizations to address fundamental issues of justice within the Aboriginal community. The Centre provides a significant amount of telephone / drop-in advice and information, informal advocacy, and is involved in community outreach and public legal education activities. It is the chosen point of intake for many Aboriginal people who apply for legal aid assistance. A significant number of clients and cases are referred to the Centre by Aboriginal social service organizations and advocacy groups that value the understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal issues shown by the Centre's staff.

The Centre is entering its 11th year as a community law centre. It was founded, in part, at the request of the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg in response to recommendations in the report of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry. Historically, the office has been staffed by 2 lawyers, 2 paralegals, and 1 administrative assistant. In February 2004, the Centre replaced one of the paralegal positions with a new staff lawyer position to provide more services in the area of family law where demand has been increasing. In February 2005, the Centre relocated from the Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg to the Somerset Building at 294 Portage Avenue in Winnipeg and formerly changed its name from the Aboriginal Centre Law Office to the Aboriginal Law Centre. The move was intended to provide service at a more convenient location for clients of the Centre

as well as to achieve greater harmonization of resources with other Legal Aid Manitoba offices. The Centre has also expanded its staff complement to include an additional administrative assistant providing reception both for the Aboriginal Law Centre and Legal Aid Manitoba's Administrative office.

Mike Paluk
Supervising Attorney

CRIMINAL LAW OFFICE

The Criminal Law Office is located at 514 St. Mary Avenue in Winnipeg and serves all criminal courts in the city. A substantial portion of the office workload involves providing duty counsel services in adult and youth courts at the Law Courts Building and Manitoba Youth Centre. Duty counsel services are provided in intake courts, bail courts, drug court and waive in court. As well staff lawyers maintain caseloads and conduct trials and appeals at all court levels in Winnipeg. Services are provided by 1 supervising attorney, 1 office manager, 16 lawyers, 3 articling students, 5 paralegals, 8 support staff and 2 summer students.

The Criminal Office also serves as duty counsel at a number of circuit points outside of Winnipeg including Fisher Branch, Lundar, Portage la Prairie, Powerview, Steinbach and Stonewall. The lawyers that provide these services also maintain caseloads in relation to individuals appearing in these circuit courts.

Inmates at Headingley Correctional Institution and Stony Mountain Correctional Institution are served through the provision of drop-in advice and representation at administrative hearings within the institutions. Patients in mental health facilities are also served through the provision of general advice as well as representation before mental health tribunals.

The Criminal Law Office provides a 24 on-call custody advice service which is staffed by Legal Aid staff lawyers, articling students and private bar lawyers on a contract basis.

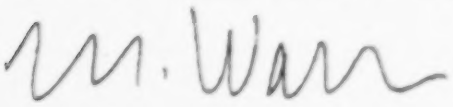
The Criminal Law Office was created through the amalgamation of the Broadway Community Law Office and the Criminal Trial Center in January of 2002. Amalgamation of these two offices provided an opportunity to improve services and to create efficiencies. While the amalgamation has had these desired results, we continue to work to make the office more efficient and to improve the services that we provide.

The Criminal Law Office currently has a number of ongoing initiatives which involve the articling student program, the utilization of

paralegal staff and the development of expertise in relation to prison law. During the past year changes have been made to the way in which bail court duty counsel is assigned so as to allow more time to be spent on casework. Junior lawyers in the Criminal Law Office have been assigned to act as junior counsel with experienced lawyers in serious cases in order to further develop their skills. As well, staff of the Criminal Law Office have participated in the Provincial Court Front End Youth Court Project which began this past year and staff continue to participate in the Provincial Court Front End Domestic Violence Project.

Individual lawyers in the office continue to serve the community through membership on non-profit boards, community legal education activities, volunteering at the University of Manitoba Law School as well as law reform and outreach activities.

During the past year the staff have continued to provide quality legal services in an environment of ever increasing demand services.



Michael Walker
Supervising Attorney

WESTMAN COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

The Brandon Office services southwestern Manitoba with a largely rural population. The agricultural economy has suffered due to weather and the BSE crisis but the population base has been more or less stable. The Brandon economy is booming largely because of the Maple Leaf Hog Plant and Convergys.

Services at the Brandon Office are provided by the Supervising Attorney, 3 staff lawyers, a paralegal, 2 intake workers and 3 support staff. A substantial and ever increasing portion of the office's efforts are devoted to Area Director activities, but the majority of effort is still directed to providing legal services to legal aid clients and client groups.

This office provides duty counsel services to the four Brandon courts being adult, youth, drug and child protection, as well as the rural courts in Russell, Rossburn, Minnedosa, Virden, Neepawa, Waywayseecappo, Boissevain, Killarney and Sioux Valley.

This office also provides informal advice on a regular basis. Callers wishing a consultation with a lawyer receive telephone advice on the day on which they call. If follow up work is required, the lawyer will make an appointment for the person very shortly. Callers wishing to apply for legal aid, whether through this office or with a specific choice of counsel, can usually obtain an appointment with one of the Intake workers within a matter of days for that purpose, or can drop into the office to apply that

same day without an appointment. All four lawyers accept emergency telephone calls after hours and take whatever action is required in response, such as attending to the police station, RCMP Detachments, Brandon Correctional Centre or Centre for Adult Psychiatry.

Our agreement with the Westman Women's Shelter continues in effect. Residents of that shelter are guaranteed an almost immediate intake interview with either a paralegal or a lawyer, either at the shelter or at this office, at their option. We have found that most residents of the shelter prefer to attend to this office.

On an informal basis, office staff continue their participation in community and board activities.

The Law Centre is a "Community Law Centre" in that, in conjunction with its role of area office, it functions to service the needs of those in the community most needing those services. The majority of criminal, youth and family matters are handled by lawyers at the request of our clients. Almost all non-request matters are handled by staff lawyers in the absence of conflicts. The recent increases in legal aid services make us optimistic that we will be able to keep pace with the rising demand in western Manitoba.

Lorne Giesbrecht
Area Director/Supervising Attorney

PARKLANDS COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

The Parklands Office provides legal service to the central western portion of Manitoba. The region, which includes communities from Amaranth to Roblin, Swan River to Gypsumville, is made up primarily of small towns, reserves and some larger communities like Swan River and Dauphin. Parklands is made up of a diverse population with many people from Manitoba's lower economic strata. As such, the demand for legal services such as ours continues to increase.

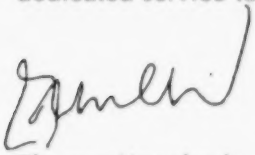
Our staff continues to be one of the most stable within Legal Aid. Most staff members have been with us for more than 15 years. The newest members of our Parklands family came on strength last year and have fit in very well. Their inclusion to our office has resulted in an increased level of service which we can now offer to our region. We are pleased to see that our long vacant second provincial judicial position in Dauphin has finally been filled. We can expect to see the criminal practice side of our office catch up on the backlog of trials. We look forward to the creation of new circuit courts in Pine Creek and Sandy Bay. Although it

has taken some time, we are pleased to see more courts serving citizens locally rather than requiring people to travel long distances just to have their day in court.

While the demand for criminal and family law matters continues to grow, we unfortunately continue to see increasing reluctance of private bar to take on family legal aid cases. This places a greater burden on our staff lawyers and paralegals who make every effort to help as many people as they possibly can. We are hopeful that the arrival of 2 new private bar lawyers in Dauphin might help this situation.

Our staff continues to model excellence not only in the courts but also in the larger community. We are proud of the level of volunteer activity our staff demonstrates. Whether acting as an election observer in Ukraine, being a volunteer firefighter, a board member of the library or an officer in the militia, our staff dedication to community shows not only in our work but in our free time as well.

Again this year, I commend our staff on providing excellent and dedicated service to the poor and working poor of the Parklands region.



Therese Koturbash
Area Director/Supervising Attorney

NORTHLANDS COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

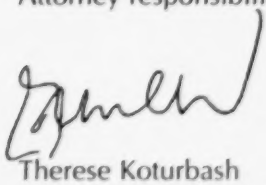
Northlands Community Law Centre, The Pas, provides legal services to The Pas, Flin Flon, Moose Lake, Cranberry Portage, Pukatawagan, Easterville, and Grand Rapids. There are 3 lawyer positions, 1 paralegal and 2 secretarial positions in the office.

This has been a year of challenge for The Pas office. The Senior Attorney transferred to Winnipeg. We hope to have that position filled within the next few months.

The family law lawyer who is on maternity leave has been replaced by a term position.

The private bar has been called on to assist Legal Aid Manitoba in providing services. We thank them for their tireless cooperation.

The Area Director at the Parklands Community Law Centre and the Area Director for the Thompson Community Law Centre share the Senior Attorney responsibilities for The Pas office.



Therese Koturbash
Area Director/Supervising Attorney

THOMPSON COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

The Thompson Community Law Centre serves 15 communities with an estimated population of 60,000 people. We travel as far north as Churchill and as far south as God's Lake Narrows. We travel primarily by plane to our communities as often as 35 to 40 days per month. Our office serves our area as well as The Pas and Flin Flon. The Area Director is also the Supervising Attorney in The Pas office.

We have 4 criminal lawyer positions, 2 family lawyer positions, 3 paralegal positions and 3 secretary positions in Thompson.

We are very pleased to welcome a new lawyer to our staff. He will be working as a family lawyer primarily in child welfare. We are in the process of setting up a child protection unit to provide services directly in the communities of Cross Lake, Norway House, Split Lake and Oxford House.

Our senior paralegal retired this year after a remarkable 20 years of service to the North. She will be sorely missed.

We have a dedicated staff who continue to provide excellent service to our clients.

Theresa McDonald

Theresa McDonald
Supervising Attorney/Area Director

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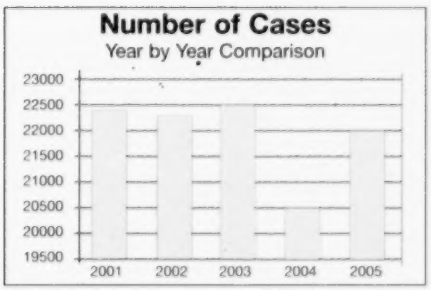
Legal Aid Case Volume History

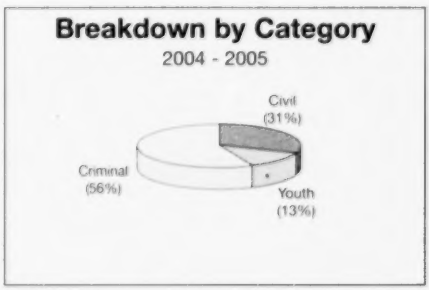
For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
(with the 2004 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Area	Certificates and Certificate Equivalents Issues			
	Civil	Criminal	Youth	Total
Brandon	530 (518)	415 (416)	74 (76)	1,019 (1,010)
Dauphin	421 (391)	368 (346)	63 (49)	852 (786)
The Pas & Thompson	602 (679)	1,321 (949)	229 (138)	2,152 (1,766)
Winnipeg	4,605 (4,701)	5,383 (5,201)	1,353 (1,066)	11,341 (10,968)
Certificate Equivalents	598 (459)	4,944 (4,465)	1,079 (1,054)	6,621 (5,978)
Provincial Total	6,756 (6,748)	12,431 (11,377)	2,798 (2,383)	21,985 (20,508)

Total Case Historical Comparison (including certificates and certificate equivalents):

Year ended March 31, 2005	21,985
Year ended March 31, 2004	20,508
Year ended March 31, 2003	22,498
Year ended March 31, 2002	22,342
Year ended March 31, 2001	22,380





Legal Aid Activity by Area

For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
(with the 2004 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Area	Applications for Legal Aid Certificates	Applications Refused	Certificates Issued Civil	Criminal	Youth	Certificates Cancelled	Persons Assisted by Duty Counsel
Brandon	1,378	345	530	415	74	98	3,379
	(1,320)	(285)	(518)	(416)	(76)	(80)	(3,576)
Dauphin	1,040	205	421	368	63	69	2,871
	(968)	(171)	(391)	(346)	(49)	(91)	(683)
The Pas & Thompson	2,289	158	602	1,321	229	102	3,438
	(1,872)	(150)	(679)	(949)	(138)	(127)	(3,546)
Winnipeg	14,292	2,598	4,605	5,383	1,353	2,021	23,346
	(14,931)	(2,483)	(4,701)	(5,201)	(1,066)	(1,782)	(23,715)
Certificate Equivalents	0	0	598	4,944	1,079	0	0
	0	0	(459)	(4,465)	(1,054)	0	0
Provincial Total	18,999	3,306	6,756	12,431	2,798	2,290	33,034
	(19,091)	(3,089)	(6,748)	(11,377)	(2,383)	(2,080)	(31,520)

NOTES:

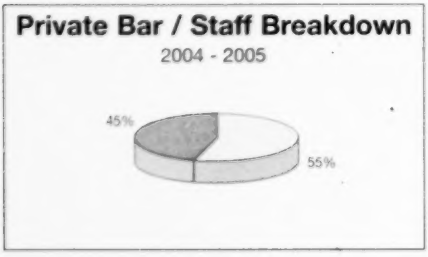
1. *In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005 there were a total of 21,985 (20,508) certificates and certificate equivalents issued; of this total, 9,882 (8,995) were assigned to staff lawyers through the following community law centres.*

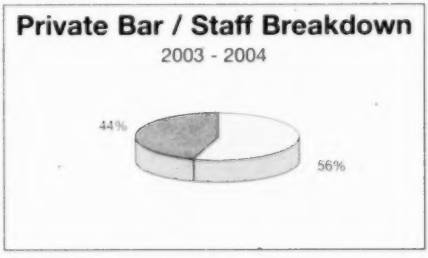
Winnipeg – Family Law Office (a)	*1,406*	*(1,442)*
– Criminal Law Office (b)	*3,511*	*(3,600)*
– Child Protection	*534*	*(488)*
– Collaborative Law Office	*452*	*(10)*
– Aboriginal	*152*	*(63)*
Westman	*1,085*	*(991)*
Parklands	*1,038*	*(859)*
Northlands	*490*	*(497)*
Thompson	*1,214*	*(1,045)*
	9,882	*(8,995)*

Certificate equivalents are originated at the community law centre level and do not proceed through the normal application process. All normal certificate work may be handled through a certificate equivalent except for trial. Certificate Equivalents were previously reported as non-certificate files.

(a) The Family Law Office includes the former Family Law, Main Street and Poverty Law offices

(b) The Criminal Law Office includes the former Criminal Trial Centre and the Broadway Youth & Adult offices





2. *In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005 there was a total of 33,034 (31,520) people assisted by Duty Counselling Services; of this total 31,199 (29,482) were assisted by staff lawyers through the following community law centres.*

Winnipeg	*– Family Law Office*	*939*	*(1,096)*
	– Criminal Law Office	*20,149*	*(20,427)*
	– Child Protection	*1,174*	*(1,032)*
	– Aboriginal	*4*	*(7)*
Westman		*2,859*	*(3,538)*
Parklands		*3,355*	*(676)*
Northlands		*780*	*(940)*
Thompson		*1,939*	*(1,766)*
		31,199	*(29,482)*

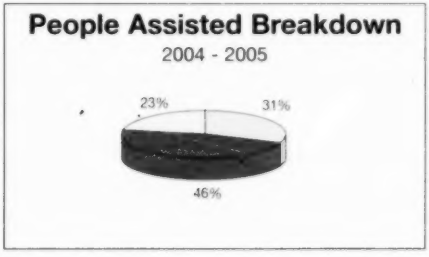
3. *For the year ended March 31, 2005 3,306 (17.4%) of the applications for Legal Aid were refused as compared to 3,089 (16.1%) in the previous year.*

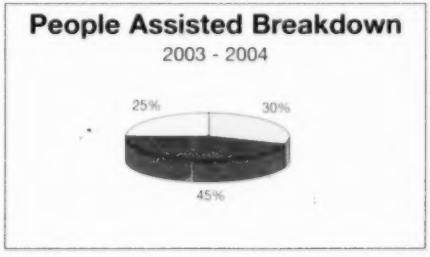
4. *For the year ended March 31, 2005 there was a total of 16,817 (17,479) telephone and drop-in inquiries. The following represents the break-down by community law centre.*

Winnipeg	*– Administration*	*1,437*	*(1,604)*
	– Family Law Office	*1,499*	*(1,645)*
	– Criminal Law Office	*3,395*	*(3,161)*
	– Child Protection	*481*	*(522)*
	– Aboriginal	*904*	*(1,075)*
	– University	*380*	*(503)*
Westman		*2,995*	*(3,023)*
Parklands		*3,167*	*(3,277)*
Northlands		*620*	*(697)*
Thompson		*1,939*	*(1,972)*
		16,817	*(17,479)*

5. *For the year ended March 31, 2005 there was a total of 71,836 (69,507) people assisted either on a formal or informal basis, a decrease of 3.4% (decrease 9.0%) over the previous year.*

A Certificates and certificate equivalents	*21,985*	*(20,508)*
B Duty counsel	*33,034*	*(31,520)*
C Telephone and drop-in inquiries	*16,817*	*(17,479)*
Total	*71,836*	*(69,507)*





Analysis of Certificates Issued
For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
(with the 2004 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
CRIMINAL ADULT			
Murder	60 (50)	3 (6)	63 (56)
Attempt Murder	30 (29)	1 (2)	31 (31)
Manslaughter	5 (6)	1 (0)	6 (6)
Sexual Assault - A	13 (16)	0 (1)	13 (17)
Sexual Assault - Indictable	194 (174)	27 (20)	221 (194)
Assault - B	232 (198)	10 (10)	242 (208)
Robbery	329 (345)	7 (14)	336 (359)
Cause Harm/Death	36 (31)	4 (3)	40 (34)
Other Sexual Offences - B	28 (52)	8 (5)	36 (57)
Arson	42 (42)	0 (7)	42 (49)
Narcotics - B	271 (277)	40 (58)	311 (335)
Incest	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (1)
Sexual Assault - Summary	36 (35)	0 (8)	36 (43)
Miscellaneous - B	15 (19)	1 (0)	16 (19)
Other Sexual Offences - C	10 (8)	2 (4)	12 (12)
Break, Enter	713 (682)	27 (28)	740 (710)
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	179 (165)	8 (17)	187 (182)
Theft - Indictable	111 (98)	9 (10)	120 (108)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	71 (74)	2 (2)	73 (76)
Forgery/Uttering	70 (56)	4 (4)	74 (60)
Fraud - Indictable	12 (34)	5 (8)	17 (42)
False Pretences - Indictable	1 (3)	1 (0)	2 (3)

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Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
Mischief	184 (143)	4 (8)	188 (151)
U.A.L./Escape	62 (46)	0 (1)	62 (47)
Other Weapons Offences - C	67 (68)	2 (8)	69 (76)
Communication for the Purpose	23 (24)	1 (0)	24 (24)
Other Narcotics - C	54 (74)	8 (12)	62 (86)
M.V.O. - Federal	209 (209)	26 (43)	235 (252)
Uttering Threats	301 (236)	17 (11)	318 (247)
Obstruction	67 (63)	3 (2)	70 (65)
Breach Probation	682 (615)	7 (12)	689 (627)
Fraud - Summary	68 (42)	3 (4)	71 (46)
False Pretences - Summary	5 (9)	2 (0)	7 (9)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	73 (64)	2 (2)	75 (66)
Theft - Summary	424 (346)	17 (20)	441 (366)
Other Breach and F.T.A.	479 (347)	11 (15)	490 (362)
Assault - C	1,785 (1,555)	67 (83)	1,852 (1,638)
M.V.O. - Provincial	10 (9)	3 (3)	13 (12)
Other Federal Offences	100 (97)	10 (10)	110 (107)
Other Provincial Offences	10 (10)	0 (6)	10 (16)
Parole/Prison Law	14 (23)	4 (3)	18 (26)
Appeals - Client	47 (53)	5 (8)	52 (61)
Appeals - Crown	4 (10)	1 (0)	5 (10)
Junior Counsel	8 (14)	0 (2)	8 (16)
Total Criminal Adult	7,134 (6,452)	353 (460)	7,487 (6,912)

Analysis of Certificates Issued
For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
(with the 2004 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
CRIMINAL YOUTH			
Murder	7 (2)	3 (3)	10 (5)
Attempt Murder	1 (7)	0 (0)	1 (7)
Manslaughter	1 (3)	0 (0)	1 (3)
Sexual Assault - A	2 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)
Sexual Assault - Indictable	28 (23)	4 (1)	32 (24)
Assault - B	59 (35)	2 (1)	61 (36)
Robbery	135 (118)	2 (2)	137 (120)
Cause Harm/Death	5 (2)	0 (0)	5 (2)
Other Sexual Offences - B	5 (8)	0 (0)	5 (8)
Arson	34 (19)	0 (1)	34 (20)
Narcotics - B	37 (25)	0 (3)	37 (28)
Incest	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Sexual Assault - Summary	7 (9)	2 (1)	9 (10)
Miscellaneous - B	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (1)
Other Sexual Offences - C	1 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Break, Enter	321 (263)	5 (4)	326 (267)
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	67 (37)	4 (1)	71 (38)
Theft - Indictable	118 (107)	2 (1)	120 (108)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	39 (25)	0 (1)	39 (26)
Forgery/Uttering	8 (5)	0 (0)	8 (5)
Fraud - Indictable	2 (3)	0 (0)	2 (3)
Mischief	65 (50)	1 (8)	66 (58)

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Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
U.A.L./Escape	33	0	33
	(31)	(0)	(31)
Other Weapons Offences - C	15	0	15
	(18)	(1)	(19)
Communication for the Purpose	0	0	0
	(0)	(0)	(0)
Other Narcotics - C	11	0	11
	(7)	(2)	(9)
M.V.O. - Federal	9	2	11
	(10)	(1)	(11)
Uttering Threats	33	1	34
	(27)	(2)	(29)
Obstruction	9	0	9
	(16)	(2)	(18)
Breach Probation	40	0	40
	(17)	(0)	(17)
Fraud - Summary	6	1	7
	(4)	(1)	(5)
False Pretences - Summary	2	0	2
	(0)	(0)	(0)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	25	0	25
	(24)	(0)	(24)
Theft - Summary	115	1	116
	(66)	(3)	(69)
Other Breach and F.T.A.	54	1	55
	(18)	(0)	(18)
Assault - C	184	8	192
	(141)	(4)	(145)
M.V.O. - Provincial	1	0	1
	(0)	(0)	(0)
Other Federal Offences	15	2	17
	(7)	(0)	(7)
Other Provincial Offences	0	0	0
	(1)	(0)	(1)
Parole/Prison Law	2	0	2
	(0)	(0)	(20)
Youth Transfers	0	0	0
	(1)	(0)	(1)
Youth Reviews/Breaches	174	0	174
	(145)	(0)	(145)
Appeals - Youth	6	2	8
	(5)	(4)	(9)
Junior Counsel	0	0	0
	(1)	(0)	(1)
Total Criminal Youth	1,676	43	1,719
	(1,282)	(47)	(1,329)

Analysis of Certificates Issued
For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
(with the 2004 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
CIVIL			
Divorce	432 (572)	426 (331)	858 (903)
Separation	784 (977)	976 (728)	1,760 (1,705)
Variation: Maintenance/Enforcement	391 (447)	250 (273)	641 (720)
C.F.S.	605 (498)	160 (176)	765 (674)
Adoption	10 (8)	0 (5)	10 (13)
Parentage Proceeding	419 (594)	651 (620)	1,070 (1,214)
Immigration	118 (160)	0 (1)	118 (161)
Welfare Matters	7 (9)	53 (83)	60 (92)
Other Administrative	11 (12)	22 (19)	33 (31)
Landlord/Tenant	4 (5)	9 (9)	13 (14)
Appeals - Civil	7 (13)	9 (5)	16 (18)
Legal Opinions - Civil	3 (3)	10 (11)	13 (14)
Other - Civil	8 (15)	16 (11)	24 (26)
Youth Court Appointed/Amicus	58 (43)	12 (13)	70 (56)
Workers Compensation	2 (2)	10 (9)	12 (11)
Mental Health Matters	4 (5)	17 (20)	21 (25)
Estate Matters	1 (1)	0 (1)	1 (2)
Defendant - Civil Suit	1 (2)	3 (3)	4 (5)
Plaintiff - Civil Suit	1 (0)	3 (2)	4 (2)
Private Guardianship	135 (149)	76 (85)	211 (234)
Enforcement Only	8 (10)	1 (2)	9 (12)

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Certificate Classification	Private Bar	Law Centres	Totals
Variation: Access/Custody	265	136	401
	(242)	(94)	(336)
Disbursements Only	0	0	0
	(1)	(0)	(1)
Other Family	19	25	44
	(11)	(9)	(20)
Total Civil	3,293	2,865	6,158
	(3,779)	(2,510)	(6,289)

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Case
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
(with the 2004 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
CRIMINAL ADULT			
Murder	47	$ 479,729	$ 10,207.00
	(23)	(482,763)	(20,990.00)
Attempt Murder	25	61,062	2,442.50
	(24)	(96,013)	(4,001.00)
Manslaughter	8	59,433	7,429.12
	(4)	(43,252)	(10,813.00)
Sexual Assault - A	15	46,432	3,095.46
	(15)	(42,281)	(2,819.00)
Sexual Assault - Indictable	161	171,536	1,065.44
	(214)	(273,619)	(1,279.00)
Assault - B	175	175,036	1,000.20
	(188)	(212,023)	(1,128.00)
Robbery	328	323,995	987.79
	(389)	(390,444)	(1,004.00)
Cause Harm/Death	42	53,516	1,274.18
	(29)	(23,108)	(797.00)
Other Sexual Offences - B	49	57,034	1,163.96
	(64)	(73,883)	(1,154.00)
Arson	33	32,070	971.83
	(50)	(49,373)	(987.00)
Narcotics - B	245	214,804	873.19
	(272)	(252,147)	(927.00)
Incest	1	1,057	1,057.40
	(3)	(4,900)	(1,633.00)
Sexual Assault - Summary	36	22,269	618.58
	(39)	(34,127)	(985.00)
Miscellaneous - B	27	59,495	2,203.52
	(18)	(17,343)	(963.00)
Other Sexual Offences - C	6	5,662	943.63
	(10)	(5,219)	(522.00)
Break, Enter	637	325,805	511.47
	(736)	(374,380)	(509.00)
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	166	79,343	477.97
	(155)	(88,905)	(574.00)
Theft - Indictable	118	49,546	419.89
	(116)	(46,508)	(401.00)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	65	32,442	499.11
	(82)	(38,769)	(473.00)
Forgery/Uttering	54	21,018	389.22
	(61)	(24,713)	(405.00)
Fraud - Indictable	24	42,087	1,753.64
	(29)	(23,670)	(816.00)

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Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
False Pretences - Indictable	1	$ 291	$291.08
	(3)	(1,992)	(664.00)
Mischief	167	63,804	382.06
	(153)	(72,180)	(472.00)
U.A.L./Escape	51	17,554	344.20
	(49)	(17,669)	(361.00)
Other Weapons Offences - C	59	33,714	571.42
	(57)	(27,411)	(481.00)
Communication for the Purpose	23	9,312	404.88
	(28)	(10,080)	(360.00)
Other Narcotics - C	62	28,569	460.79
	(81)	(52,123)	(643.00)
M.V.O. - Federal	195	89,430	458.62
	(231)	(103,242)	(447.00)
Uttering Threats	244	120,670	494.55
	(306)	(149,921)	(490.00)
Obstruction	56	26,055	465.26
	(60)	(28,913)	(482.00)
Breach Probation	605	211,218	349.12
	(666)	(241,592)	(363.00)
Fraud - Summary	57	22,966	402.19
	(47)	(18,037)	(384.00)
False Pretences - Summary	11	3,621	329.22
	(9)	(3,526)	(392.00)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	69	23,510	340.72
	(67)	(30,326)	(453.00)
Theft - Summary	382	124,025	324.67
	(351)	(133,501)	(380.00)
Other Breach and F.T.A.	428	165,004	385.52
	(391)	(159,822)	(409.00)
Assault - C	1,570	681,831	434.29
	(1,665)	(774,462)	(466.00)
M.V.O. - Provincial	8	4,919	614.89
	(11)	(3,143)	(286.00)
Other Federal Offences	85	106,943	1,258.15
	(106)	(93,911)	(886.00)
Other Provincial Offences	10	6,418	641.83
	(12)	(21,623)	(1,802.00)
Parole/Prison Law	18	5,834	324.12
	(32)	(132,095)	(4,128.00)
Appeals - Client	42	95,521	2,274.32
	(56)	(132,878)	(2,373.00)
Appeals - Crown	5	5,219	1,043.85
	(7)	(6,310)	(901.00)
Junior Counsel	10	48,366	4,836.65
	(5)	(97,320)	(19,464.00)
Total Criminal Adult	6,421	$ 4,208,168	$ 655.38
	(6,914)	(4,909,517)	(710.08)

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Case
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
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Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
CRIMINAL YOUTH			
Murder	4	$ 22,329	$ 5,582.22
	(2)	(30,980)	(15,490.00)
Attempt Murder	5	9,568	1,913.68
	(4)	(8,960)	(2,240.00)
Manslaughter	3	9,367	3,122.32
	(3)	(14,178)	(4,726.00)
Sexual Assault - Indictable	27	29,633	1,097.52
	(19)	(19,569)	(1,030.00)
Assault - B	46	38,365	834.02
	(41)	(45,882)	(1,119.00)
Robbery	122	99,789	817.94
	(154)	(144,997)	(942.00)
Cause Harm/Death	6	4,873	812.16
	(7)	(5,688)	(813.00)
Other Sexual Offences - B	6	4,432	738.68
	(11)	(8,722)	(793.00)
Arson	24	17,291	720.44
	(26)	(19,428)	(747.00)
Narcotics - B	25	21,462	858.46
	(28)	(25,142)	(898.00)
Sexual Assault - Summary	10	4,538	453.77
	(7)	(4,432)	(633.00)
Miscellaneous - B	2	1,059	529.60
	(1)	(1,097)	(1,097.00)
Break, Enter	299	125,491	419.70
	(294)	(135,144)	(460.00)
Possess Weapons Dangerous to Public Peace	49	17,312	353.30
	(38)	(16,679)	(439.00)
Theft - Indictable	93	33,573	361.00
	(128)	(60,026)	(469.00)
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	29	9,894	341.16
	(33)	(11,685)	(354.00)
Forgery/Uttering	7	2,204	314.79
	(6)	(2,703)	(450.00)
Fraud - Indictable	3	1,930	643.49
	(1)	(315)	(315.00)
Mischief	55	$ 18,392	$ 334.40
	(61)	(19,526)	(320.00)
U.A.L./Escape	33	11,048	334.77
	(31)	(10,493)	(338.00)
Other Weapons Offences	13	5,758	442.91
	(16)	(11,566)	(723.00)

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Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
Communication for the Purpose	0 (1)	0 (324)	0 (324.00)
Other Narcotics - C	13 (18)	4,690 (7,314)	360.76 (406.00)
M.V.O. - Federal	7 (9)	2,047 (3,402)	292.40 (378.00)
Uttering Threats	28 (36)	11,882 (16,321)	424.36 (453.00)
Obstruction	6 (19)	1,867 (5,349)	311.08 (282.00)
Breach Probation	33 (16)	10,069 (5,967)	305.13 (373.00)
Fraud - Summary	5 (7)	1,555 (3,386)	311.09 (484.00)
False Pretences - Summary	1 (0)	290 (0)	290.00 (0)
Possess Goods Obtained by by Crime - Summary	32 (19)	9,079 (13,261)	283.73 (698.00)
Theft - Summary	83 (63)	26,216 (23,763)	315.85 (377.00)
Other Breach and F.T.A.	40 (22)	11,535 (8,366)	288.37 (380.00)
Assault - C	164 (171)	62,434 (75,581)	380.70 (442.00)
M.V.O. - Provincial	1 (0)	290 (0)	290.00 (0)
Other Federal Offences	11 (7)	3,151 (2,847)	286.41 (407.00)
Other Provincial Offences	1 (1)	805 (519)	805.30 (519.00)
Parole/Prison Law	3 (0)	1,606 (0)	535.30 (0)
Youth Transfers	1 (0)	454 (0)	453.74 (0)
Youth Reviews/Breaches	148 (158)	42,638 (48,138)	288.09 (305.00)
Appeals - Youth	6 (10)	6,199 (8,153)	1,033.08 (815.00)
Junior Counsel	1 (1)	1,000 (6,512)	1,000.00 (6,512.00)
Total Criminal Youth	1,445 (1,469)	$ 686,113 (826,414)	$ 474.82 (562.57)

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Case
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
(with the 2004 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
CIVIL			
Divorce	555	$ 400,831	$ 722.22
	(808)	(517,286)	(640.00)
Separation	946	623,739	647.03
	(1,246)	(732,669)	(588.00)
Variation: Maintenance/Enforcement	439	306,264	697.64
	(546)	(332,798)	(610.00)
C.F.S.	498	447,054	897.70
	(513)	(434,506)	(847.00)
Adoption	17	11,213	659.57
	(23)	(11,445)	(498.00)
Parentage Proceeding	521	358,659	688.40
	(744)	(405,478)	(545.00)
Immigration	74	63,503	858.15
	(106)	(69,023)	(651.00)
Welfare Matters	6	2,387	397.85
	(7)	(1,702)	(243.00)
Other Administrative	18	23,881	1,326.73
	(13)	(9,135)	(703.00)
Landlord/Tenant	4	1,727	431.75
	(4)	(3,956)	(989.00)
Appeals - Civil	10	12,889	1,288.94
	(21)	(25,690)	(1,223.00)
Legal Opinions - Civil	2	181	90.33
	(11)	(4,110)	(374.00)
Other - Civil	11	8,898	808.95
	(15)	(5,450)	(363.00)
Youth Court Appointed/Amicus	50	39,608	792.17
	(35)	(23,071)	(659.00)
Workers Compensation	5	3,610	722.05
	(3)	(1,653)	(551.00)
Mental Health Matters	3	1,436	478.82
	(8)	(2,722)	(340.00)
Estate Matters	1	754	754.39
	(0)	(0)	(0)
Defendant - Civil Suit	12	12,463	1,038.56
	(15)	(16,682)	(1,112.00)
Plaintiff - Civil Suit	2	2,154	1,077.17
	(3)	(3,741)	(1,247.00)
Private Guardianship	172	105,985	616.19
	(203)	(120,393)	(593.00)
Enforcement Only	6	2,377	396.18
	(8)	(3,783)	(473.00)

(Table continued on next page)

Type of Aid	Number of Cases	Total Fees and Disbursements	Average Cost Per Case
Variation: Access/Custody	261 (266)	$ 208,363 (183,742)	$ 798.33 (691.00)
Disbursements Only	3 (4)	20,300 (7,314)	6,766.50 (1,828.00)
Other Family	26 (83)	13,465 (38,026)	517.87 (458.00)
Total Civil	3,660 (4,685)	$ 2,671,742 (2,954,374)	$ 729.98 (630.60)

Note: *As of March 31, 2005 there were approximately 11,659 cases yet to be completed and paid compared to 11,390 in the previous year.*

Legal Aid Fees and Disbursements by Area
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
(with the 2004Comparisons in Parenthesis)

	Total Fees and Disbursements	Completed Cases	Average Cost Per Case
CRIMINAL ADULT			
Brandon	169,856 (376,906)	462 (413)	367.65 (913.00)
Dauphin	131,412 (175,712)	257 (333)	511.33 (528.00)
The Pas & Thompson	520,467 (455,834)	1,023 (795)	508.76 (573.00)
Winnipeg	3,386,434 (3,901,066)	4,679 (5,373)	723.75 (726.00)
CRIMINAL YOUTH			
Brandon	21,183 (25,079)	64 (70)	330.98 (358.00)
Dauphin	18,114 (26,036)	42 (55)	431.28 (473.00)
The Pas & Thompson	88,698 (60,394)	189 (117)	469.30 (516.00)
Winnipeg	558,118 (714,906)	1,150 (1,227)	485.32 (583.00)
CIVIL			
Brandon	149,808 (163,356)	242 (290)	619.04 (563.00)
Dauphin	101,898 (105,386)	158 (173)	644.93 (609.00)
The Pas & Thompson	188,938 (188,410)	268 (413)	704.99 (456.00)
Winnipeg	2,231,097 (2,497,222)	2,992 (3,809)	745.69 (656.00)
	$ 7,566,023 (8,690,306)	11,526 (13,068)	$ 656.43 (665.01)

NOTE: Reconciliation to private bar fees and disbursements disclosed on the financial statements:

Fees and disbursements per private bar system as above	*$ 7,566,023*
Add: Accruals	*278,506*
Fees and disbursements on an accrual basis as per the financial statements	*$ 7,844,529*

Duty Counsel Fees and Disbursements
(Private Bar Only)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
(with the 2004 Comparisons in Parenthesis)

	Total Fees and Disbursements	Persons Assisted	Average Cost Per Case
Brandon	808	24	33.68
	(1,452)	(38)	(38.22)
Dauphin	578	12	48.15
	(963)	(7)	(137.58)
The Pas & Thompson	59,079	733	80.60
	(48,824)	(840)	(58.12)
Winnipeg	63,693	1,089	58.49
	(86,877)	(1,172)	(74.13)
	$ 124,158	1,858	$ 66.82
	(138,117)	(2,057)	(67.15)

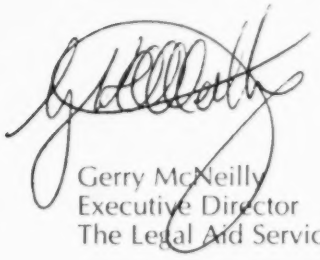
NOTE: The financial statements show total duty counsel disbursements of $248,767. That figure includes disbursements of $12,950 for Age and Opportunity, $80,804 for on-call duty counsel, $30,855 for communication and travel cost recorded in the fiscal year.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying financial statements of The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies stated in Note 2 to the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2004.

As management is responsible for the integrity of the financial statements, management has established systems of internal control to provide reasonable assurance that assets are properly accounted for and safeguarded from loss.

The responsibility of the Auditor General is to express an independent professional opinion on whether the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with the accounting policies stated in the financial statements. The Auditor's Report outlines the scope of the audit examination and provides the audit opinion.



Gerry McNeilly
Executive Director
The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba

July 30, 2005

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba
To the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba

We have audited the balance sheet of the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba as at March 31, 2005 and the statements of revenue and expense, changes in net assets and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Office of the Auditor General

Office of the Auditor General

Winnipeg, Manitoba
July 29, 2005

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Balance Sheet
as at March 31

	2005	2004
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	$ 1,737,812	$ 568,998
Client accounts receivable, net (Note 3)	232,910	221,075
Receivable from the Province of Manitoba	3,750,000	3,750,000
Receivable from the Gov't of Canada	361,201	479,695
Receivable from the Manitoba Law Foundation	-	52,500
Other receivables, net (Note 4)	71,040	67,681
Prepaid expense	287,482	285,178
	6,440,445	5,425,127
Capital Assets, Net (Note 5)	246,204	188,038
Long-term receivable - charges on land (Note 6)	776,595	780,814
Long-term receivable - severance - Province of Manitoba (Note 7)	716,166	716,166
Long-term receivable - pension - Province of Manitoba (Note 13)	9,083,274	8,140,056
	$ 17,262,684	$ 15,250,201
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 4,462,412	$ 3,909,503
Accrued vacation pay	706,986	808,457
Deferred revenue from clients	387,320	352,788
	5,556,718	5,070,748
Severance liability (Note 7)	1,130,458	1,133,363
Provision for employee pension benefits (note 13)	9,083,274	8,140,056
	15,770,450	14,344,167
Net Assets		
Invested in Capital Assets	246,204	188,038
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,246,030	717,996
	1,492,234	906,034
	$ 17,262,684	$ 15,250,201

Approved by the Board

Chairperson

Director

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Statement of Revenue and Expense
for the year ended March 31

	2005	2004
Revenue		
Province of Manitoba (Note 8)	$ 19,059,150	$ 18,454,346
Manitoba Law Foundation (Note 9)	1,227,629	900,155
Contributions from clients	898,193	821,897
Recoveries from third parties	284,632	554,378
Government of Canada	362,514	479,695
Judgment costs and settlements	110,149	103,453
Interest income	12,500	16,539
Other	6,683	34,206
	$ 21,961,450	$ 21,364,669
Expense		
Private bar fees and disbursements, net (Note 12)		
Legal aid certificates	$ 7,844,529	$ 8,468,999
Duty counsel services	248,767	123,348
Transcripts and Other Contributed Services	48,952	69,248
	8,142,248	8,661,595
Community Law Centres, Schedule 1	8,585,948	7,625,493
Public Interest Law Centre, Schedule 1	465,839	430,123
University Law Centre, Schedule 1	86,617	85,650
General and Administrative, Schedule 1	4,094,598	4,131,546
	$ 21,375,250	$ 20,934,407
Excess of revenue over expense	$ 586,200	$ 430,262

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Statement of Cash Flow
for the year ended March 31

	2005	2004
Cash Flow Provided by (Used In) Operating Activities:		
Excess of revenue over expense for the year	$ 586,200	$ 430,262
Add items not affecting cash		
Amortization	40,811	31,937
Bad Debt Expense	140,581	174,945
Changes in working capital:		
Client accounts receivable	(152,416)	(160,833)
Province of Manitoba receivable	-	530,480
Government of Canada receivable	118,494	(255,595)
Manitoba Law Foundation receivable	52,500	(52,500)
Other receivables	(3,359)	158,984
Prepaid expense	(2,304)	55,045
Accounts payable and accrued vacation pay	451,438	(357,631)
Deferred revenue	34,532	(33,141)
Deferred contribution from Province of Manitoba	-	(30,000)
	1,266,477	491,953
Cash Flow Provided by (Used In) Financing Activities:		
Charges on land	4,219	15,155
Long-term funding commitments	(943,218)	(995,287)
Severance	(2,905)	41,857
Pension	943,218	995,287
	1,314	57,012
Cash Flow Provided by (Used In) Investing Activities:		
Purchase of capital assets	(98,977)	(73,134)
	(98,977)	(73,134)
Net Increase in Cash for the Year	1,168,814	475,831
Cash - Beginning of Year	568,998	93,167
Cash - End of Year	1,737,812	568,998

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Schedule of Expenses
for the year ended March 31

SCHEDULE 1

	COMMUNITY LAW CENTRES		PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTRE		UNIVERSITY LAW CENTRE		GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE		TOTAL	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Advertising	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 20,048	$ 17,420	$ 20,048	$ 17,420
Amortization	14,610	10,138	2,745	2,029			23,456	19,770	40,811	31,937
Bad debts							140,581	174,945	140,581	174,945
Bank charges							2,983	2,197	2,983	2,197
Board expenses							32,938	31,915	32,938	31,915
Collection costs							16,861	15,704	16,861	15,704
Computer costs	14,857	31,443	732	3,192			78,179	44,069	93,768	78,614
Duty counsel	183,617	164,558	-	-	-	1,685	1,475	1,843	185,092	168,086
Equipment maintenance	69,671	59,717	3,660	6,678	-	-	43,471	29,935	116,342	96,628
Expert witnesses & consultants			26,959	30,787					26,959	30,787
File disbursements	250,793	226,315	69,021	29,652	455	1,583	25,457	17,120	365,738	274,850
Library	27,456	31,790	6,466	6,641	34	32	22,273	35,952	56,742	74,619
Meetings	25,529	12,243	81	901	-	-	16,693	16,315	45,483	29,916
Office expenses	171,879	179,671	9,045	9,221	1,629	2,498	91,749	106,410	274,305	297,800
Office expansion	6,911	12,328	13,439	-	-	-	2,836	-	20,186	12,328
Pension costs (note 13)							1,030,493	1,077,803	1,030,493	1,077,803
Premise costs	468,635	445,795	19,671	16,228	-	-	130,169	118,207	649,075	582,231
Professional fees	137,415	103,791	5,415	7,065	675	1,600	222,650	199,665	366,556	315,549
Salaries, benefits and levy	6,946,388	6,687,305	276,806	301,530	86,808	71,968	2,466,655	2,063,817	9,370,869	8,524,843
Severance / sabbatical							95,687	70,571	95,687	70,571
Staff development	35,061	23,190	4,222	1,866	-	-	27,076	18,014	66,359	42,980
Staff recruitment	9,164	5,415	675	125			2,731	1,202	12,770	6,742
Telephone	91,515	89,376	5,993	4,611	1,615	2,057	20,050	53,246	119,903	159,448
Transcripts and Other Contracted Services	15,367	59,137	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,367	59,137
Travel	83,230	72,734	3,668	3,005	991	1,815	16,277	15,377	104,166	94,931
TOTAL	$ 8,581,298	$ 7,675,491	$ 481,816	$ 426,127	$ 88,417	$ 85,451	$ 4,581,595	$ 4,131,546	$ 13,233,002	$ 12,272,812

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended March 31

	2005			2004
	Invested in Capital Assets	Unrestricted Net Assets	Total	Total
Balance, Beginning of Year, as previously stated	$ 188,038	$ 242,224	$ 430,262	$ -
Restatement - Private Bar Fees (note 16)	-	475,772	475,772	475,772
Balance, Beginning of Year, as restated	188,038	717,996	906,034	475,772
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expense	(40,811)	627,011	586,200	430,262
Capital Asset Additions	98,977	(98,977)	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ 246,204	$ 1,246,030	$ 1,492,234	$ 906,034

1. Nature of the Society

The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba (the Society) was established by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

The objects of the Society, as set out in the Act, are:

- to provide legal advice and services to individuals, groups and organizations who, left to their own means, could not afford to retain the service of a lawyer.

- to furnish legal aid advice to groups and organizations involving matters of an interest common to members of the group and relating to issues of public interest such as, but not restricted to, consumer and environmental issues.

The Society is economically dependent upon the Province of Manitoba. Other revenue sources include the Manitoba Law Foundation, individual clients, and third party agencies.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

a) Accounting Basis

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

b) Recognition of Contributions from Clients

Clients may be required to pay a portion or all of the legal costs incurred on their behalf by the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba based on the clients' ability to pay.

i) Agreements to Pay

Clients who are able to pay, sign an agreement to pay for their portion of the applicable legal costs. The amount the client is required to pay is specified on the legal aid certificate. The revenue and receivable are recognized when the certificate is signed.

ii) Expanded Eligibility

Under terms of expanded eligibility, clients are required to pay all of the legal costs and an administration fee of 25%. The revenue and receivable are recognized based on the date of the lawyer's billing.

iii) Charges on Land

Charges on Land are registered under Section 17 of the Legal Aid Services Society Act in Land Titles on property owned by clients. The revenue and receivable are recognized at the later of the date the lien is filed or the date of the lawyer's billing. Collection of these accounts in the future is dependent on the client disposing of the property or arranging for payment.

c) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

An allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded against receivables based on a specific review of accounts.

d) Capital Assets

Capital Assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is proved on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:

- Furniture and office equipment - 10 years
- Computer Hardware and Software - 4 years
- Major Software Applications - 15 years
- Leasehold Improvements - over the term of the lease

e) Contributed Services

Under an arrangement between the Society and the Department of Justice, which ended September 30, 2004, the Department provides transcripts and other services to the Society at no cost. The value of these contributed services is recorded as revenue and as an expense.

f) Measurement Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

g) Pension Plan

Employees of the Society are pensionable under the Civil Service Superannuation Act. The Society accrues a provision for the liability for the employer's share of employee pension benefits, including future cost of living adjustments, based on an actuarial valuation.

h) Financial Instruments

Legal Aid Services Society's financial instruments consist of cash, short-term investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Society is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values.

3. Client Accounts Receivable, net

	2005	2004
Agreements to Pay	$ 65,887	$ 71,457
Expanded Eligibility	441,884	484,148
	507,771	555,605
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	274,861	334,530
Clients Accounts Receivable, net	$ 232,910	$ 221,075

4. Other Receivables, net

	2005	2004
Court Costs	$ 204,391	$ 176,596
Child and Family Services	12,248	10,636
Social Services	39,863	40,732
Employee Advances, GST Recoverable and Miscellaneous	14,674	12,225
	271,176	240,189
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	200,136	172,508
Other Receivables, net	$ 71,040	$ 67,681

5. Capital Assets

	2005		2004	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization
Furniture and office equipment	$115,690	$ 21,117	$ 74,610	$ 11,602
Computer Hardware & Software	66,078	36,570	57,776	21,591
Major Software Application	-	-	32,520	1,084
Leasehold Improvements	167,750	45,627	71,814	29,310
Work-in-progress	-	-	14,905	-
	$ 349,518	$ 103,314	$ 251,625	$ 63,587
Net Book Value		$ 246,204		$ 188,038

6. Charges on land

	2005	2004
Charges on Land	$ 1,553,190	$ 1,561,628
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	776,595	780,814
Charges on Land, net	$ 776,595	$ 780,814

7. Severance pay benefits

Effective April 1, 1998, Legal Aid commenced recording the estimated liability for accumulated severance pay benefits for their employees. The amount of this estimated liability is determined using the method of calculation set by the Province of Manitoba.

Severance pay, at the employee's date of retirement, will be determined using the eligible employee's years of service and based on the calculation as set by the Province of Manitoba. The maximum payout is currently 23 weeks at the employee's weekly salary at the date of retirement. Eligibility will require that the employee has achieved a minimum of nine years of service and that the employee is retiring from the Society.

The Province accepted responsibility for the severance benefits accumulated by Legal Aid employees to March 31, 1998. Accordingly, the opening severance pay liability balance as at April 1, 1998 of $716,166 was completely offset by a receivable from the Province. There are no terms of repayment for the receivable, and the amount will remain fixed at $716,166.

8. Revenue from the Province of Manitoba

	2005	2004
Grant	$10,310,879	$10,443,637
Salaries and other payments	7,868,652	7,160,112
Health and post secondary education tax levy	157,251	149,041
Employer portion of employee benefits	690,168	573,171
Contributed Services	32,200	128,385
	$ 19,059,150	$ 18,454,346

Funding from the Province of Manitoba includes the Society's share of provisions recorded for unfunded pension liabilities.

9. Revenue from the Manitoba Law Foundation

	2005	2004
Statutory Grant	$1,007,629	$ 690,155
Public Interest Law Centre	150,000	150,000
University Law Centre	70,000	60,000
	$1,227,629	$ 900,155

A statutory grant, pursuant to subsection 90(1) of The Legal Profession Society Act, is received annually from The Manitoba Law Foundation. The Society's share under the Act is 50% of the total interest on lawyers' trust accounts as received by the Foundation or a minimum of $1,007,629, whichever is greater. In the event that interest received by the Foundation in the preceding year, after deduction of the Foundation's operational expenses, is not sufficient to pay the statutory minimum of $1,007,629 to The Legal Aid Services Society, the Act provides for pro-rata sharing of the net interest.

Other grants from The Manitoba Law Foundation are received pursuant to subsection 90(4) of The Legal Profession Act. These grants are restricted for the Public Interest Law Centre and the University Law Centre. At March 31, 2005, there were no unrestricted funds remaining from these grants.

10. Commitments

i) Lease

The Society rents facilities under operating leases. Unpaid remaining commitments under the leases, which expire at varying dates are:

2006	$ 605,568
2007	$ 564,390
2008	$ 520,728
2009	$ 521,954
2010	$ 518,144
Thereafter	$ 843,593
	$ 3,574,377

ii) Private Bar

Estimated total commitments for future billings on outstanding legal aid certificates amount to $2,810,000 as at March 31, 2005 (2004 - $2,981,000).

11. Related Parties Transactions

The Society is related in terms of common ownership to all Province of Manitoba created departments, agencies and crown corporations. The Society enters into transactions with these entities in the normal course of business.

12. Private Bar Fees and Disbursements, net

	Fees	Disbursements	2005 Total	2004 Total
Legal Aid Certificates	$7,247,520	$597,009	$7,844,529	$8,468,162
Reduction in fees	–	–	–	837
Holdback Repayment	–	–	–	–
	7,247,520	$597,009	$7,844,529	8,468,999
Duty Counsel	248,767	–	248,767	123,365
Reduction in fees	–	–	–	(17)
Holdback Repayment	–	–	–	–
	248,767	–	248,767	123,348
Transcripts and Other Contributed Services	–	48,952	48,952	69,248
Net	$7,496,287	$645,961	$8,142,248	$8,661,595

The Board declared a hold back holiday for all certificates processed during the fiscal year April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005. Certificates issued in this fiscal year were not subject to a hold back.

13. Provision for Employee Pension Benefits

Pension costs consist of the employer's share of pension benefits paid to retired employees, as well as the increase in the unfunded pension liability during the fiscal year. This liability is determined by an actuarial valuation every three years with the balances for the intervening years being determined by formula provided by the actuary. The most recent valuation was completed as at December 31, 2001 by Ellement & Ellement Ltd., Consulting Actuaries.

	2005	2004
Balance at beginning of year	$ 8,140,056	$ 7,283,605
Experience Gain (Loss)	–	–
Benefits accrued	437,180	406,963
Interest accrued on benefits	593,313	532,004
Benefits paid	(87,275)	(82,516)
Balance at end of year	$9,083,274	$ 8,140,056

The key actuarial assumptions were a rate of return of 6.75% (1998 - 7.0%), 2.75% inflation (1998 - 3.0%), salary rate increases of 4.5% (1998 - 4.5%) and post retirement indexing at 2/3 of the inflation rate. The entry age normal actuarial cost method was used and the liabilities have been extrapolated to March 31, 2005 using a formula provided by the actuary.

The Province of Manitoba has accepted responsibility for the unfunded pension liability. Accordingly the provision for employee pension benefits is offset by a receivable from the Province of Manitoba. There are no terms of repayment for this receivable.

During the year, the Society restated the value of its accrued pension liability to exclude that portion pertaining to service obligations after the valuation date. This had the effect of reducing the Long-term receivable - pension - Province of Manitoba and the Provision for employee pension benefits by $2,123,113 at March 31, 2004 and $1,984,277 at March 31, 2003. This restatement had no effect on the excess of revenue over expense for the current or prior year.

14. Special Trial

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, Legal Aid retained counsel for a number of accused under a special order from the Province of Manitoba. These retainers are not governed by Legal Aid tariff or regulations but are a special agreement between the Private Bar and Legal Aid Manitoba. All funding received from the Province of Manitoba for this trial is restricted solely for fees incurred in the process of defending these accused. Any funding not committed at the end of the special trial must be returned to the Province of Manitoba. The trial ended in June, 2004.

	2005	2004
Revenue from the Province of Manitoba	$ 612,500	$ 862,500
Expenses, Private Bar	612,500	$ 862,500
Excess of revenue over (under) expense	$ -	$ -

15. Public Sector Compensation Disclosure

For the purposes of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act, all compensation for employees, Board members and the private bar fees and disbursements from The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba is disclosed in a separate statement.

16. Restatement – Private Bar Fees and Disbursements

During the year it was determined that the accrual for the Private Bar Fees & Disbursements was overstated. Accordingly, the Society restated accounts payable and unrestricted net assets as at March 31, 2003. The impact to the financial statements of the restatement is a $475,772 increase to the opening balance of unrestricted net assets, a $475,772 decrease to accounts payable, and a $475,772 increase to the ending balance of unrestricted net assets as at March 31, 2004. There is no effect on the excess of revenue over expense as at March 31, 2004.

17. Restatement of Accounts

Certain of the comparative figures have been reclassified where necessary to conform with the presentation adopted for the current year.

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AUDITORS' REPORT
Supplementary Financial Information Prepared in Accordance with The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act

To the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, and
To the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba

We have audited the Statement of Compensation Paid to Board Members and Employees and the Statement of Private Bar Fees and Disbursements in Excess of $50,000 for the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba for the year ended March 31, 2005 prepared in accordance with Sections 2 and 4 of The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act. This financial information is the responsibility of the management of the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial information based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial information is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial information. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial information.

In our opinion, these statements present fairly, in all material respects, the compensation payments to board members and employees, and payments to persons providing legal aid services for the year ended March 31, 2005 by the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba in accordance with the provisions of The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act.

Office of the Auditor General

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Winnipeg, Manitoba
July 29, 2005

The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba
Statement of Private Bar Fees and Disbursements in Excess of $50,000
For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
(Prepared in accordance with Section 4 of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act)

Name of Firm	Amount
PHILLIPS, AIELLO	740,974.02
BRODSKY & COMPANY	598,252.73
GINDIN, WOLSON, SIMMONDS	482,128.35
CASSIDY RAMSAY	479,096.47
SAHEEL ZAMAN LAW OFFICE	425,300.19
PAM SMITH & COMPANY	334,985.33
PINX CAMPBELL INNESS	260,879.90
SKINNER LAW OFFICE	240,032.27
STANLEY S. NOZICK	210,011.02
HUNT, MILLER & CO.	191,233.52
ARCHER PHILLIPS LAW OFF.	178,646.14
Z. IAN GARBER	177,828.19
McDONALD THOMPSON	146,245.02
MYERS WEINBERG KUSSIN	143,306.66
SANDIP SETT	130,866.63
PROBER LAW OFFICE	127,396.50
RICHARD CAIRNS	127,000.00
KUCHER & NICHOLS	125,938.22
POOLE LAW OFFICE	113,770.62
REGAN THATCHER LAW OFFICE	105,313.16
BILL ARMSTRONG	103,460.10
MCROBERTS LAW OFFICES	102,952.65
KILLEEN CHAPMAN	101,988.32
JAMES A.COX	90,031.16
DAWSON LAW OFFICE	84,898.03
CHRIS SIGURDSON LAW	82,987.20
TAYLOR LAW OFFICE	80,394.93
KOHAYKEWYCH & ASSOC.	80,154.87
WENDY MARTIN WHITE	72,328.51
MARTIN GLAZER LAW OFFICE	68,349.34
ROBERTSON SHYPIT SOBLE	63,860.70
EDWARD G. RICE	62,149.62
EDMOND & ASSOCIATES	60,664.72
BOOTH DENNEHY LLP	57,620.72
McCOY LAW OFFICE	54,298.64
BROTMAN & CRAMER	53,299.85

The payments reflected in this statement are on a cash basis, net of the private bar reduction in fees.

The Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba
Statement of Compensation Paid to Board Members and Employees
For the Year Ended March 31, 2005
(Prepared in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act)

Paid to Board Members:	
In aggregate	$20,968.39

Paid to employees in excess of $50,000:

Name	Position	Amount
McNeilly, G.K.	Executive Director	$117,690.51
Cliffford G.	Director of Operations	113,143.59
Dunn, W.	Legal Director	108,961.08
Merrett,W.	Area Director	108,447.08
McDonald, T.	Supervising Attorney	99,009.05
Tailleur, L.J.	Supervising Attorney	97,517.92
Malcolm, W.L.	Director of Policy & Planning	96,970.29
Sherman, C.D.	Supervising Attorney	96,482.38
Koturbash, T.M.	Supervising Attorney	95,736.69
Giesbrecht, L.B.	Supervising Attorney	95,348.78
Paluk, M.D.	Supervising Attorney	95,286.45
Walker, M.	Supervising Attorney	90,929.91
Williams, J.B.	Supervising Attorney	89,765.11
Pitts, H.	Staff Attorney	85,967.88
Birks, C.G.	Staff Attorney	84,037.75
Cadloff, K.A.	Staff Attorney	83,588.98
Glowacki, L.J.	Staff Attorney	83,588.98
Grafton, R.N.	Staff Attorney	83,588.98
Peters, H.C.	Staff Attorney	82,975.82
MacAulay,G.G.	Staff Attorney	82,804.15
Strang, K.	Staff Attorney	82,667.40
Joycey, D.	Staff Attorney	82,470.44
Chartrand, L.R.	Staff Attorney	82,458.18
Bates,G.D.	Staff Attorney	82,355.38
Brecht, R.B.	Staff Attorney	82,355.38
Cook, M.	Staff Attorney	82,355.38
Dzydz, D.	Staff Attorney	82,355.38
Hart, M. E.	Staff Attorney	82,355.38
Hawrysh, G.B.	Staff Attorney	82,355.38
Heinrichs, R.M.	Staff Attorney	82,355.38
Hwozdulych, B.A.	Staff Attorney	82,355.38
McAmmond, J.	Staff Attorney	82,355.38
Pauls, C.	Staff Attorney	82,355.38
Sansregret, A.	Staff Attorney	82,355.38
Woodman, R.	Staff Attorney	82,352.13
Krause, R.	Staff Attorney	81,095.38
Libman, A.M.	Staff Attorney	80,743.64
Kingsley, P.	Staff Attorney	78,022.65
Lovegrove, C.	Staff Attorney	77,223.53
Stewart, W.A.	Staff Attorney	76,420.50
Ramsay, J.	MIS Director	73,462.40
Robinson, G.B.	Staff Attorney	73,125.10
Loney, A.	Staff Attorney	73,118.90
Barclay, J.A.	Staff Attorney	72,222.65
Funke, J.	Staff Attorney	71,829.65
Van Schie, S.	Staff Attorney	70,170.58
Paler, S.	Staff Attorney	69,512.60
Sasley, E.	Staff Attorney	69,193.97
Raposa, S.	Staff Attorney	68,361.04
Balneaves,S.	Information Services Officier	68,151.10
Sychuk, B.	Staff Attorney	67,415.68
Gembey, B.	Staff Attorney	66,933.94
Dwarka, R.	Director-Administration	64,382.99
Klassen, R.G.	Retired Deputy Director	61,717.33
Horst, A.	Staff Attorney	61,552.77
Perchal, J.	Accountant	59,303.16
Wiebe, C.	Information Services Officier	54,507.29
Pereira, M.	Intake Officer	51,313.79
Makar, L.	Intake Officer	50,852.72
West, V.	Intake Officer	50,836.74
Polden, M.	Intake Officer	50,048.63